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The Board's report on the food situation inMadras Province for the first fortnight of August 1948, at page 3-6 c.f. and the enclosures to it at page 7-35 c.f. are submitted for perusal.

2. Weather conditions and crop prospects: The monsoon continued to be active on the Coast during the fortnight and the rainfall was very heavy in the districts of Malabar, South Kanara and the Nilgiris. In the rest of the Province, the rainfall was heavy in the districts of Coimbatore and Madura and moderate in the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Ramnad and Tirunelveli and in Madras City.

Preparatory cultivation was delayed in the districts of Anantapur, Chittoor and Tirunelveli and in parts of Krishna and Cuddapah districts and sowing or transplantation of paddy suspended in North Arcot district and in parts of Tirunelveli district. Paddy cultivation was restricted in the North Arcot district. Water supply was inadequate in the districts of East Godavari, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Madura, Ramnad and Tirunelveli. Transplantation of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Bellary, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Tirunelvli (in parts), South Arcot and Tiruchirpalli. Sowing of dry crops was proceeding in parts of Vizagapatam, Coimbatore, Tiruchipapalli West Godavari, Krishna, Cuddapah, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot Madura and Ramnad districts. The condition of the standing crops was generally fair except in Chingleput district where it was poor. Harvest of paddy was proceeding in the Salem district, and of cholam and cambu in Coimbatore and Tiruchirapalli districts. The out turn of paddy was fair to normal and of cholam poor to fair.

3. Stock and supply position: The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as follows on 14-8-48 when compared with the stock position on 7-8-48:-

Food grains.	Stock on 7-8-48.	Stock on 14-8-48.
Rice	3,22,224	2,99,889
Wheat	17,485	17,907
Maida	2,815	2,841
Maize	25,503	22,339
Other grains	9,931	7,632

Rice: The stock position in all the districts except Chittoor is satisfactory. To replenish the stocks in Chittoor supplies are being rushed from the Krishna district (3000 tons) and from Madras (1248 tons).

Against 25,000 tons of overseas rice allotted to this Province for August 1948, so far 6015 tons have been received. It is understood that a quantity of 8800 tons out of this allocation will not be supplied.

The following quantities were received during the fortnight.

From	Tons.
Orissa	3982
Eastern States	888
Overseas	5324
Central Reserves at Coimbatore.	327
	10521

Millets and maize: The supply position of millets and maize is generally fair. 19 tons of Orissa ragi were received during the fortnight. A shipment of 6,000 tons of overseas milo allotted for the month of August 1948 is expected to be received at Madras shortly.

Wheat and wheat products: Including the stocks of wheat in transit the total stock of wheat will be 20,948.

There were no receipts of wheat or wheat products during the fortnight.

Progress of procurement and movement: A quantity of 18,983 tons of rice was procured in the surplus districts and in the districts of the Nilgiris and Malavar during the fortnight ending 31-7-1948 as against 14,047 tons procured in the preceding fortnight. Procurement and movement were satisfactory in the Tanjore district but poor in the other distircts.

4. Prices: The statements relating to the fluctuation of prices of foodgrains in the several centres of the Province are at page 7-15 c.f. The prices statement usually sent by Public (E&S) regarding foodgrains, firewood, oil, oilseeds etc have not been received. They are reminded.

The case may be circulated to H.M.(Food), H.M.(P.W) and H.E.for perusal.

Sd.. 2-9-48.

P.S.G. H.E. has seen, thanks.
Sd.. 3-9-48.

To A.S.

The file may now be sent to P.W.(I&P) for perusal and return.

Sd.. 6-9-48.

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